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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EFIN, GE

SUBJ: B AND F: EAST BERLIN

- 1. UNDERSTAND THAT INSTRUCTIONS FOR MID-YEAR BUDGETARY REVIEW WILL BE RECEIVED SHORTLY AND THAT THIS WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY ADJUSTMENT OF AUTHORIZATION IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE DURING FIRST MONTH IN GDR.
- 2. TO KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED, WE PROVIDE OBLIGATION REPORT AND COMMENTS AS FOLLOWS (ITEMS IN THE REPORT OBLIGATED PER PRIOR APPROVAL FROM FAS. WE ARE AWARE \$300 PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT AND WILL REQUEST SAME FOR ALL FUTURE OBLIGATIONS WHERE REQUIRED):

ALLOTMENT NO. 1243

OBJECT CLASS DESCRIPTION AMOUNT OBLIGATED

1101 BASE PAY THROUGH MARCH (EST.) \$ 5,350.00 UNCLASSIFIED

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1242 EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE 620.68

1243 POST ALLOWANCE THROUGH

MARCH (EST.) 170.00

1249 FOREIGN TRANSFER ALLOWANCE 300.00

2144 TRAVEL (TO LEIPZIG) (EST.) 177.60

2302 RESIDENTIAL RENT THROUGH MARCH 4,498.32

2303 RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY (EST.) 147.56

2303 RESIDENTIAL GAS (EST.) 250.00 2321 TELEPHONE INSTALLATION 80.49 TELEPHONE TOLLS (EST.) 2322 100.00 2605 PETTY CASH FOR MARCH (EST.) 100.00 3111 FRIDGE, WASHER AND DRYER 871.00 3111 CEILING LAMPS 3111 BATHROOM CABINETS 402.73 3111 KITCHEN CABINETS 1.207.32 3111 WARDROBES 765.07

TOTAL OBLIGATED TO DATE \$15.218.15

- 3. AMERICAN SALARIES: AUTHORIZATION APPEARS TO BE PROPER AMOUNT. OBLIGATION REPORTED EXCEEDS 1-MONTH PERIOD
- 4. FOREIGN NATIONAL SALARIES: AMBASSADOR BOLEN HAS APPROVED INITIATION OF STEPS TO HIRE A FOREIGN NATIONAL EMPLOYEE. BY THE TIME PROCESS IS COMPLETED IN FAS AND HERE, IT IS PROBLEMATICAL THAT FOREIGN NATIONAL WILL BE ON BOARD BEFORE OCTOBER 1. ZERO AUTHORIZATION SHOULD STAND.
- 5. AMERICAN AND FOREIGN NATIONAL BENEFITS: NO CHANGE.
- 6. AMERICAN ALLOWANCES: NO CHANGE. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 7. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS: NO CHANGE.
- 8. RENTS, LEASES, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS: AT CURRENT MARK RATE (GDR MARK EXCHANGED AT SAME RATE AS DEUTSCHE MARK), ATTACHE RESIDENCE ANNUAL RENT ABOUT \$24,000 AND APARTMENT IS ABOUT \$5,700. ALL UTILITIES ESTIMATED AT \$4,000 YEARLY TOTAL. TOTAL RENTS, LEASES, AND COMMUNICATIONS NEARLY \$34,000 ANNUAL RATE. EVEN WITH EXTRA MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WHICH EMBASSY OBLIGATED TO PAY TO "HOLD" HOUSE AND APARTMENT, AUTHORIZED AMOUNT APPEARS APPROPRIATE.
- 9. REPRESENTATION: NO CHANGE AT THIS TIME, PENDING MORE EXPERIENCE AT POST.
- 10. EQUIPMENT: THIS CATEGORY IS THE ONLY ONE IN NEED OF CHANGE. HAVE ALREADY OBLIGATED \$3,423.50 IN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BASIC OUTFITTING OF RESIDENCE. SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS MORE REQUIRED FOR OVEN GREASE HOOD, TOWEL RACKS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. MINIMUM BID RECEIVED TO DATE ON CARPETING, USING LOWEST-PRICED

CARPET RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY, IS \$3,220. THIS FOR LIVING, DINING, LOWER AND UPPER HALL, MASTER BEDROOM AND "MIDDLE" BEDROOM. EXCLUDES STAIRWAY AND CHILDREN'S THREE BEDROOMS, FOR WHICH SMALLER AND MORE ECONOMICAL AREA RUGS WILL BE SELECTED. ESTIMATE THIS ITEM AT ABOUT \$600 VIS A VIS CARPETING BID OF \$1,200 FOR THREE ROOMS. CURTAINS AND SHADES, WHERE REQUIRED (NO DRAPES WILL BE REQUESTED SINCE VENETIAN BLINDS ALREADY IN MOST WINDOWS), ARE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$4,500. WE ARE SEEKING A LOWER ESTIMATE, BUT HAVE NO GUARANTEE

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OF FINDING ONE. FOUR SINGLE BEDS LOANED BY EMBASSY ARE SATISFACTORY. PLAN TO PURCHASE BED FOR MASTER BEDROOM. WILL NOT REQUIRE BEDROOM FURNITURE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AND INFORMALLY APPROVED. HOWEVER, OUR FURNITURE FOR LIVING ROOM INADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES, AND WE HOPE TO OBTAIN FAS APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF CERTAIN ITEMS AT THIS TIME. THESE, OF COURSE, WOULD BE BOUGHT WITH OBJECT IN MIND OF EVENTUAL FULL FURNITURE PROVISION BY FAS OF ATTACHE RESIDENCE. TOTALING THESE ITEMS, WE HAVE:

\$ 3,423 OBLIGATED

400 GREASE HOOD, TOWEL RACKS, MISCELLANEOUS
3,220 CARPETS
600 RUGS
4,500 CURTAINS AND SHADES

4,500 BED AND LIVING ROOM FURNITURE \$16.643 TOTAL

11. ALTHOUGH FAS INFORMALLY APPROVED COMPLETE UNCLASSIFIED

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FURNISHING SECRETARY'S APARTMENT, NO AUTHORIZATION THIS ITEM PROVIDED. EMBASSY CURRENTLY LENDING FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES (STOVE, REFRIGERATOR, WASHER AND DRYER), BUT ONLY ON TEMPORARY BASIS. THESE ITEMS ESTIMATED BY GSO AT \$8,500. WE HOPE TO RETAIN CURRENTLY INSTALLED AND SATISFACTORY DRAPES AND RUGS.

- 12. EMBASSY CANNOT PROVIDE OFFICE EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS (ONE TYPEWRITER CURRENTLY ON LOAN):
- A. \$ 872 IBM SELECTRIC TYPEWRITER WITH INERTIAL MOTOR (FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM) WITH TRANSPORTATION. BALL FOR GERMAN LANGUAGE \$50
- B. 412 ONE BROWN OFFICE SOFA.
- C. 150 ONE USED ELECTRIC "DRAFTING TYPEWRITER"

\$1,434 TOTAL

- 13. TOTAL EQUIPMENT BUDGET WITH ITEMS LISTED LAST THREE PARAGRAPHS ABOUT \$27,000, OR \$15,000 OVER AUTHORIZATION. INCREASE REPRESENTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUT UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS IN SECRETARY'S APARTMENT, UNAVAILABLE OFFICE ITEMS, AND "FORWARD PURCHASE" OF PERMANENT FURNISHINGS FOR ATTACHE'S RESIDENCE.
- 14. MISCELLANEOUS:: THIS FIGURE SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR PRESENT. THIS IS CONTINGENT ON THE GDR REDECORATING THE APARTMENT WITH NO EXTRA CHARGE AS IT RECENTLY AGREED TO DO.
- 15. THESE ABOVE FIGURES ARE IN MANY CASES APPROXIMATE ESTIMATES AND SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR OBLIGATIONS WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE MADE VIA TOFAS. WOULD APPRECIATE ABOVE SUGGESTED INCREASE IN EQUIPMENT BUDGET SO WE CAN COMPLETE FURNISHING OF OFFICE, RESIDENCE AND APARTMENT.

16. POST HAS NO RECORD HAVING RECEIVED STATE-

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